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SUBJ: ECA DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GANAO'S CONCERN ABOUT
EVER-INCREASING SOVIET INFLUENCE IN ECA, OAU AND HORN
OF AFRICA

REF: ADDIS 6768

1. DURING 30 MINUTE CALL DEC 22 ON AMB. WELLS (US REP ECOSOC),
ECA DEP EXECSEC DAVID CHARLES GANAO (CONGO-B) REITERATED
HIS CONCERNS (REFTEL) OF GROWING SOVIET "ORIENTATIONS"
IN ECA DIRECTORATE, AND OAU AND SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN
HORN OF AFRICA.

2. IN ECA, GANAO OBSERVED THAT SOVIETS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
EFFECT A FOREBODING "NEW ORIENTATION" FOR ECA OWING TO THEIR
CONTROL OF KEY JOBS ON THE SECRETARIAT. HE BELIEVED
THAT THE US SHOULD MAKE COUNTERVAILING EFFORTS TO STAFF
AT LEAST THREE KEY DIVISIONS OF THE ECA (DIV OF PLANS,
RESOURCES AND RECRUITMENT) WITH UN AMERICAN EXECUTIVES.

3. IN THE OAU, GANAO OBSERVED THE INCREASING SOVIET
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INFLUENCE AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE EFFORTS OF SOVIET
"SYMPATHIZERS" SUCH AS ANGOLA, BENIN, AND ETHIOPIA.

4. IN ETHIOPIA, HE SAW THE SOVIET MILITARY AND POLITICAL
INVOLVEMENT AS "TOTAL". IN GANAO'S VIEW, THERE WAS NO
DOUBT CONCERNING THE OUTCOME OF ETHIOPIA'S IMMINENT MILITARY
OFFENSIVE IN THE OGADEN.

5. GANAO DID NOT COMMENT FURTHER ON ADEDEJI'S AMBITIONS (REPORTED PARA TWO REFTL) AND MISSION UNABLE TO CONFIRM THOSE REPORTS. THERE HAS BEEN INTERMITTANT CORRIDOR GOSSIP AT THE UN SUGGESTING SUPPORT FOR A SUDANESE AS THE NEXT SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OAU.

6. COMMENT: GANAO IS FAVORABLY KNOWN TO MISSION OFFICER FROM A PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT AT BRAZZAVILLE. DURING TURBULENT PERIOD OF USG-CONGO-B RELATIONS (1964-65) WHICH CULMINATED IN SUSPENSION DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ON AUGUST 9, 1965. GANAO WAS FAVORABLY KNOWN TO EMBASSY STAFF AS A COMPETENT MODERATE, WELL-DISPOSED TOWARDS AMERICANS. WHEN ASKED ABOUT CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF OTHER MUTUAL ACQUAINTANCES, FORMER GOVERNMENT MINISTERS PAUL KAYA, FNU BINI AND PASCAL LISSOUBA: GANAO REPLIED THAT KAYA IS AN ECONOMIST IN ABIDJAN, BINDI IS ON A MISSION IN WEST GERMANY AND PASCAL LISSOUBA IS IN JAIL FOR LIFE--HAVING BEEN IMPLICATED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT NGOUBAL. END COMMENT.

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